

THANKSGIVING.

I'm just a little boy, but then Thanksgiving means a lot to me. I've fed the turkey chicks (there's ten), and every one is fat, you see. Thanksgiving day we'll have a roast. The very biggest one, maybe. All stuffed with chestnuts, spice and toast.

My mother'll pass it round, and she will say, "Since Bessie fed the turks, To him the nicest piece is free." She always minds the boy that works. Thanksgiving means a lot to me!

ANNAUEL.

Camping—I will endeavor to write a letter that will be published. My father is a miner and we live near a large quartz mill and holsting works. It looks very pretty at night when it is all lighted up, and it is so much fun to go down the shafts. A crowd of us young folks went out camping this summer away out in the mountains, by some lakes, the largest about two miles long and the smallest about one mile. It was very warm, but we did not mind the heat, because we went for a good time, and we had it. I enjoy reading the young folks letters very much, and think that they all do very well. I am 14 and attend school every year, and am in the eighth grade. I think I will try and graduate this year if I can. [Lille Erno, California.]

Our Letter "Rules"—I like F & H as an agricultural paper very well, but I do not exactly understand the rules in regard to the letters, and would like to have them explained, as I do not know as I am permitted to join.—[H. K. (18), Missouri.]

Any one, of any age, is permitted to join a letter circle, by sending 10 cents, age and address, when, in due time, certificate and instructions will be forwarded. But any one can write a letter for publication by writing something that we think sufficiently interesting.

Too Much Trouble—I am twelve years old and live on a farm of two hundred and forty acres. I wonder how many of the girls can get meals. I can do most all kinds of baking except light bread and can ride three of our horses, but do not ride much now, for they are working the horses in the hayfield. I have two pet bantams and a pet pig, but I don't care much for pets, they are too much trouble. One of my friends came to see me not long ago. Her name is Bessie. So Bessie and I thought we would take my little sister Minnie on a cart ride. We hitched up Bessie's horse to the cart and put Minnie in and had not gone more than a mile when the cart broke, but we couldn't fix it, so we went on anyway another mile to my brother's, but we had to come back with the cart broke and stopped on the way to see our friend Gracie.—[Myrtle Young, Missouri.]

Entirely Too Old—Now I'm not going to talk about pets, so, Miss Ariadne, you can go on reading this. If you wish, without fear of anything foolish or silly, as you say. In fact, I consider myself entirely too old to write such things (15 long years have rolled over my head) or talk of them. Miss Ariadne likes books, I am sure, and so do I. I could read, read, read, for a week and not get tired, I do believe. My favorite authors are W. Clark Russell, E. P. Roe, Mrs. Mary J. Holmes, A. Conan Doyle and Miss Jane Porter. If you young people have never read any of Russell's sea "yarns," you really should at once. I have read some of Kipling's stories and poems, and like them quite well. I agree with Lawrence Levere that Longfellow is or was one of the greatest poets. I think Longfellow's Evangeline is fine. I live in Jersey and have lived in the country all my life. I have a piano and a wheel for amusements. How many of you have ever been through a live-saving station, or some call it the government or beach house? While away this summer, I went yachting, and we landed near one of these stations. They showed us all through the building, the boats, wagons, flags, the lights they burn, the buoy, and everything. The men practice once a week. Frederick Swanson is causing entirely too much excitement. I think Water Lily is a very foolish

girl to write such a letter to be published. If she has such ridiculous notions about having beaux at 14 years of age, she shouldn't publish such notions. I consider that her mother is right, and the proper one to judge of her actions. Why don't we all tell our ages in our letters? I think it would be nice. Do any of you collect Indian arrow heads? I do and have about 30; my brother has more than that. We find them along creeks or ponds in sand fields.—[Averil (a Girl).]

A 15-Minutes Skate—I live in the Buckeye state. Our house is but a short distance from the Maumee river. In the winter time when the river is frozen, I have lots of fun skating. I go every night after school till dark, and sometimes in the morning. One morning last winter I was about two miles from town when the first school bell rang, and I skated home in about 15 minutes. I read a great deal. I like to read history and adventures best. E. P. Roe and Mary Holmes are my favorite novelists, and Longfellow is my favorite poet. I have a beautiful piano. I love music and it is very easy for me to learn to play, although I cannot sing a bit. The boy who got the slap for kissing the girl is getting so much sympathy that I suppose he feels better, but I must say that I pity him from the bottom of my feet downwards. I am 13, but almost everyone thinks I am 15 or 16. I am so large of my age. I will graduate in four years and then I want to go to Vassar.—[Edna G. Bissell, Ohio.]

Childish Passion—Water Lily, a young man of 22 years, if he is like most young men of to-day, is a man of entirely too much experience for a child of your age, who should not even think of having beaux. A little girl of 14 years should play with her dolls yet awhile. If you are like most girls, you'll find, when you are a few years older, that it was simply a childish passion you had for the young school teacher, and not true love at all. I know this from my own experience.—[Leora, Illinois.]

I think Ariadne is right about the boy that got slapped, as he deserved it. That sounds bad, Ida W. T., as if you would kiss a pretty and good boy. I don't think boys are to be trusted. I know lots of boys dying to be kissed. [Bluebird.]

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